Members of Parliament have made complaints against manipulations in recent selection of Security-Sepoys in the Secretariat Security Force, Ministry of Home Affairs, New Delhi;

(b) if so, what action has been taken by the authorities concerned to cross-check the results of all the candidates who were ranked highest and what steps have been taken for those candidates who have proved their best performance but have deliberately been ignored for one or the other reason; and

(c) what are the suggestions which some Members of Parliament have given for proper scrutiny of all the candidates who have been sponsored through Employment Exchanges and what action has been taken by the authorities concerned in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS AND THE MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI P. CHIDAMBARAM): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) The selection of candidates was done in accordance with the provisions of Recruitment Rules prescribed for the post, by a broad-based Selection Board headed by a Senior Officer from one of the Central Police Organisations. No specific instance of alleged manipulation has come to light in this regard.

**Lift irrigation potential of Madhya Pradesh**

2507. SHRIMATI RATAN KUMARI: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total lift irrigation potential in Madhya Pradesh and how much has been exploited upto March, 1989;

(b) what efforts are being made to harness the balance lift irrigation potential in the State and whether the Central Government will provide additional funds to Madhya Pradesh to harness the balance potential?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Ultimate Minor Irrigation Potential, including lift irrigation schemes of Madhya Pradesh is 42 lakh ha. out of which 24.61 lakh ha. is likely to be created by March, 1989.

(b) To accelerate the pace of development of Minor Irrigation, Central Government provides assistance to States including Madhya Pradesh through Centrally Sponsored Schemes. Under Special Food Grain Production Programme Rs. 450 lakhs have been released as 50 per cent matching central assistance to Government of Madhya Pradesh for the construction of 30,000 Shallow tubewells/dug wells in 1988-89.

**Recommendations of the conference on environment held at New Delhi**

2508. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that nearly 150 scientists and environmentalists from all over the country attended a three day Conference held in February, 1989 in Delhi.

(b) whether this was the first Conference of its kind held in India;

(c) what were the main recommendations made in regard to the environment in the country at present; and

(d) how many suggestions and recommendations made in the conference have been considered and approved by Government for implementation?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) Nearly 150 scientists and environmentalists from within

India and abroad attended a conference on "Global Warming and Climate Change-perspectives from developing countries" organised by the Tata Energy Research Institute, New Delhi in collaboration with the United Nations Environment Programme, The Woods Hole Research Centre, USA, the World Resources Institute, USA, from 21-23 February, 1989 at Delhi.

(b) Government of India and other agencies have organised conferences on related subjects from time to time.

(c) and (d) Recommendations made by the conference have not been received in the Government.

**Setting up of a sancturay in the Rala Mandal Hill area**

2509. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Madhya Pradesh Government have requested his Ministry to provide sufficient funds for the setting up of a sanctuary in the Rala Mandal hill area; and

(b) if so, what action the Central Government have taken thereon?

THE MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI Z. R. ANSARI): (a) and (b) No proposal from the Madhya Pradesh Government seeking funds for setting up of a sanctuary in the Rala Mandal hill area is under consideration of the Central Government.

**Indo-Lankan joint panel on tea**

2510. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether India and Sri Lanka have recently set up a joint panel on tea;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) to what extent it will help in improving the production of tea in the country; and

(d) whether any concrete formula has been evolved in this regard and if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) to (d) An Indian Tea Delegation visited Sri-Lanka and held discussions with Sri-Lankan authorities on matters of mutual interest including International Tea Scene. As a result of discussions both India and Sri-Lanka have agreed to set up a Working Group consisting of representatives of both the countries to work out the areas of mutual co-operation and the modalities for achieving such co-operation.

**Trade between India and Sweden**

2511. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the State Trading Corporation had contracted goods for exports to Sweden during 1988,

(b) whether it is also a fact that a Memorandum of Understanding between the two countries was of the order of Rs. 1724/- crores;

(c) if so, to what extent the trade between India and Sweden has been increasing; and

(d) what are the details of the agreements signed for the year 1989?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE (SHRI P. R. DAS MUNSHI): (a) to (d) State Trading Corporation of India (S.T.C.) has signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with M/s. A. B. Bofors of Sweden on 30th March, 1987, which provides for export of a wide range of manufactured items and commodities of not less than 50 per cent of the value of the contract amounting to SEK 8.4 billion or Rs. 1438 crores for supply of certain ordinance materials to Ministry of Defence. Under this MOU, exports take place not only to Sweden but to other countries also.